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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DROPS IN KWANGTUNG;
TEACHERS TAKE INDOCTRINATION COURSES

In Hsin-hui Hsien of Kwangtung, the Military Control Commission called together some 200 high school students scheduled to graduate this spring and informed them that: (1) all students of graduating classes must take part in the collection of grain, such participation to be credited towards graduation; (2) beginning 20 December, there would be a short training period, and the Military Control Commission would pay living expenses during training and work periods; (3) recent graduates, whose graduation certificates were issued prior to the liberation, after participating in this project may submit their certificates to the Culture and Education Committee for approval and validation.

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EDITORIAL SAYS TOO MUCH FREEDOM IN "LIBERATED" SCHOOLS -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 14 Jan 50

In the past 2 months, Shan-t'ou has been getting a taste of the New Democracy in schools. But too many interpret democratic administration as doing anything they please. In some schools, the students do not observe discipline and teachers pay no attention to teaching. Another educator stated that liberation seems to mean exemption from payment of tuition. Students do not understand that the government has financial difficulties.

Another noticeable evil of the new system is that the students are taking too much time on extracurricular activities and neglecting their studies. The activities include mass meetings to celebrate the liberation, gatherings to welcome troops, propaganda work near schools etc.

TEACHERS TAKE INDOCTRINATION COURSES -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 24 Jan 50

Teachers in private schools in Kuang-chou are planning to use the winter vacation as a period of study to adapt themselves to the new conditions. Some 2,000 teachers are expected to take indoctrination courses in Kuang-chou. Fees for the courses will be 15,000 yuan for elementary teachers and 30,000 yuan for middle-school teachers.

TEACHERS USE WINTER VACATION FOR STUDY -- Wen-hui Pao, 9 Jan 50

The Shensi-Kansu-Ninghsia Border Region government has given instructions for the 50,000 elementary and secondary schoolteachers in the 30,000 schools of Northwest China (excluding Sinkiang) to utilize the winter vacation to improve their political thinking. They are to be given revolutionary training during this time through classes organized at all principal centers, such as Hsi-an and Lan-chou. Attendance is to be on a voluntary basis, as a general rule. Instruction is to be along two lines: ideology and the regular school curriculum, the former being allotted three fourths of the time. The period of training will be from 3 to 4 weeks.

INDOCTRINATES MIDDLE-SCHOOL TEACHERS -- Wen hui Pao, 15 Jan 50

To give mass training to middle-school teachers in central Kwangtung in the new ideology and to prevent the younger generation from being imbued with old ideas, an indoctrination class will be set up for the last 10 days of January in Ch'e-k'an. Instruction will be given in the educational aims of the New Democracy in conjunction with reconstruction of economy and culture in the new society.

The indoctrination course must be taken by principals and deans of instruction, and teachers of literature, history, and politics. Attendance for others is voluntary. Certain local officials will be expected to attend, and a quota of teachers is set for each hsien.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE COMPLETES TAKE-OVER IN KUANG-CHOU -- Wen-hui Pao, 25 Jan 50

The basic preliminaries of assuming charge of cultural and educational affairs by the authorities concerned, in Kuang-chou, have been completed in the past 2 months.

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Propaganda agencies, cultural organs, and 42 schools of middle and higher grade under control of the reactionary Kuomintang have been taken over by the Culture and Education Committee of the Military Control Commission. The Publications Section has taken over eight reactionary newspapers, one news agency, one radio station, five printing shops, and three bookstores. The Educational Section has taken over Chung-shan University, Chung-shan Cultural Institute, and 17 schools and institutes of middle and higher grade. The Arts Section has taken over special training centers and seven theaters. All of these have been put in order and reconstructed. For the most part, the employees have been retained. The five printing shops have been amalgamated into the Southern Printing Works.

At the same time, all private newspapers, news agencies, publications, radio stations, bookstores, etc., have been investigated and registered. Reactionary newspapers from elsewhere have been banned, films and plays censored, and undesirable publications restricted. Schools have been instructed to resume classes, control committees organized, and various steps taken towards reconstruction of curriculum and management. Students and teachers have started political study.

REVOLUTIONARY SCHOOL SEEKS STUDENTS -- Wen hui Pao, 25 Jan 50

To prepare trained workers for the New Democracy, a Revolutionary School has been set up at Shih-ch'i, in Chung-shan Hsien of Kwangtung. For the first term, it is desired to enroll 600-800 students. Enrollees may be graduates of junior, middle, or higher schools, qualified civil servants, youths who are unemployed or out of school, or revolutionary workers who bear letters of recommendation from local governments. Enrollment is open to persons of both sexes between the ages of 18 and 35. The term of study is 3 months.

WINTER STUDY CLASS POPULAR AMONG PEASANTS -- Wen-hui Pao, 23 Jan 50

Pei-p'ing, 21 January (NCNA) -- Pursuant to the illiteracy-elimination program of the Central People's government of China, the winter study classes in rural areas of Shansi, northern Shensi, northern Kiangsu, and southern Anhwei provinces have already begun and are being attended enthusiastically by the peasants.

In Shansi, the original plan was to have 690 classes, but 1,051 classes had to be started to enroll all the students. In northern Shensi, 3,300 students are attending 213 classes; in T'ai-chou Special District of northern Kiangsu, 100,000 cadres and peasants are attending 2,200 classes; and in T'ai-p'ing Hsien of southern Anhwei, 2,452 persons are learning how to read and write in 81 classes.

The unexpectedly large attendance is attributed to the well-planned propaganda work of party members and youth corps members, and also to the teaching of such subsidiary subjects as personal hygiene and agricultural techniques.

JEN-MIN UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED -- Wen-hui Pao, 25 Jan 50

The former private Kuo-min University in Kuang-chou has been thoroughly reorganized in accord with the educational policies of the Pei-p'ing People's Conference. From now on, it will be an exponent of the new democracy and be known as the Jen-min University. It will be administered by a committee representing faculty, students and laborers. There will be three departments on arts, law, and commerce and industry. Courses offered will include literature,

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education, economics, woodworking, mechanics, electricity, etc.

As designated in the Pei-p'ing Conference Principles, all students in each department must study The New Democracy, Development of Society, Dialectical Materialism, and Historical Materialism. Deans have been selected, and a number of well-known professors will be on the staff in teaching and administrative posts. For convenience, an enrollment office will be opened in Hong Kong in preparation for the coming term.

YENCHING UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES STALIN'S BIRTHDAY -- Wen-hui Pao, 19 Jan 50

On 21 December 1949, Yenching University celebrated the 70th birthday of Stalin. Long before the beginning of the program students of every department were streaming through icy-cold winds to Bashford Hall, which, despite the weather was soon filled to overflowing.

The minutes preceding the program were filled with loud enthusiastic singing, one group after another coming out with liberation songs, such as "Song of Freedom" and "Democratic Youth March Forward".

The theme of the principal speaker, a professor of the Marx-Lenin Institute, was "How to know the Soviet Union". He said in substance:

"We must first grasp the fact that the Soviet Union is a socialist country, a people's nation, a workers' nation. The appearance of this nation in the world is an unprecedented event in human history, the most permanent event of the 20th Century. As to this great event, many intellectuals are still ignorant. This is something to be ashamed of.

"Even now there are some who claim that Japan was frightened into surrender by the atom bomb; that is a grievous mistake! A very brief proof is the fact that the American reactionary Acheson, in the White Paper, does not say a word about the atom bomb in reference to the Japanese surrender. But he does say that if the Soviet Union had not sent troops, more than a million American soldiers would have been sacrificed to conquer Japan. Thus we can know that on this matter there are still some who are mistaken; that proves that their brains are even more off than those of US imperialists." (Much laughter).

The professor then explained the Sino-Soviet treaty, Port Arthur and Dairen, Outer Mongolia, and such questions.

At the end of the speech the entire assemblage shouted: "Long live Sino-Soviet friendship! Long live Stalin! Long live Chairman Mao!"

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